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Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure Examining Group 2671

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 22, 2002

To:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,

Washington, D.C. 20231

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In the Claims:

Claims 1-60 were previously pending.

Claims 1, 7, 23, and 32 are amended.

Claims 1-57 are pending.

Claims 3, 4, 11-22, 25-27, 35-37, and 39-57 stand allowed.

Please cancel claims 58, 59, and 60 without prejudice.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1), please replace the current versions of claims 1, 7, 23, and 32 with the following clean copies of claims 1, 7, 23, and 32:

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